

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on January 24, 2007 at 4:10 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Don Ryan, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 129, 1/15/2007; SB 256, SB 257,
1/18/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:15 Opening comments by Chairman Ryan

00:01:29 Sen. Juneau arrived.

HEARING ON SB 129

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:58 **SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT (D), SD 11**, opened the hearing on **SB 129**, Revise truancy laws.

00:05:20 Sen. Peterson arrived

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:27 Jeff Hanser, Director, Billings Public Schools Truancy Center

EXHIBIT(eds16a01)

00:08:48 Joe McMahon, Principal, Eastgate Elementary School, East Helena

00:12:45 Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent of Schools in East Helena

00:14:24 Darrell Rud, Executive Director of School Administrators of Montana

00:15:22 Cindy Duffy, High School English Teacher from Great Falls

00:18:13 Kathy Little, Community Representative from Great Falls Alliance for Youth

00:19:59 Detective Jim Kizer, Great Falls Police Department, School Resource Officer

00:24:38 Irene Wells, Counselor from a Great Falls Middle School

00:25:22 Sen. Elliott arrived.

00:28:06 Sharon Patton-Griffin, Associate Principal from Great Falls

EXHIBIT(eds16a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:38 Dave Puyear, Executive Director, Montana Rural
Education Association

Informational Testimony:

00:54:54 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:02 Sen. McGee to Detective Kaiser, Great Falls Police
Department, School Resource Officer

00:58:54 Sen. McGee to Jeff Hanser, Billings Public Schools
Truancy Center

01:00:25 Sen. McGee to Sen. Schmidt

01:01:52 Sen. Black to Sen. Schmidt

01:05:01 Sen. Story to Sen. Schmidt

01:05:38 Sen. Story to Sharon Patton-Griffin, Associate
Principal from Great Falls

01:11:01 Chairman Ryan to Irene Wells, Counselor, Great
Falls Middle School

01:13:43 Chairman Ryan to Jeff Hanser, Billings Public Schools
Truancy Center

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:09 Sen. Schmidt

HEARING ON SB 256

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:21:38 **SEN. DAN MCGEE (R), SD 29**, opened the hearing on **SB
256**, Revise regents authority.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:25:07 None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:25:19 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education
01:28:20 Alan Nicholson, Citizen
01:34:52 George Harper, Citizen of Helena
01:39:05 Ed Jasmin, Served seven years on the Board of Regents,
Serves on Western Interstate Commission for Higher
Education
01:41:35 Erik Burke, MEA/MFT
01:43:20 Sen. Hawks, SD 33
01:45:02 Mike Green, Attorney from Helena
01:46:40 Lynn Hamilton, Chair of the Board of Regents

Informational Testimony:

01:53:53 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:54:01 None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:05 Sen. McGee

HEARING ON SB 257

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:57:07 **SEN. DAN MCGEE (R), SD 29**, opened the hearing on **SB 257**, Elect board of education.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:59:12 None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:59:24 Steve Malloy, Executive Director, Montana Board of
Public Education
02:00:35 Mike Green, Attorney from Helena representing self
02:07:29 Eric Burke, MEA/MFT

01:25:19 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education

01:28:20 Alan Nicholson, Citizen

01:46:40 Lynn Hamilton, Chair of the Board of Regents

Informational Testimony:

02:08:12 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:08:16 Sen. Story

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:51 Sen. McGee

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:18 P.M.

SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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